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In re application of

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Application No. **NEW NATIONAL PHASE**

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Examiner

SELF-TAPPING STUD FOR RUBBER SUPPORTS OF SHOES, TYRES AND THE  
LIKE, AND A TOOL FOR MOUNTING SAID STUD

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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January 20, 2006

Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are  
respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified  
application.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this  
paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing  
of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

An **Appendix** is attached following the signature page of  
this paper.